

**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**North Town Hall**  
**August 13, 2018**

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:11 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Jackson and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Council was unable to approve the meeting minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting since there were not enough Councilmembers present that had attended that meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer announced that Officer Duckson would be taking on the position of School Resource Officer at North Middle/ High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson presented each member of the North All Star Team with a congratulatory certificate. The coaches thanked the Mayor and Council for all of the grants they had helped get for the ball field.
- Mr. Will Bramlett, of the Planning Commission, gave an update on the empty buildings tour and other projects the commission had worked on. He announced that North farmers market and yard sale was a big success. The event had attracted 23 vendors and lead to a local farmer wanting to set up monthly to sell fresh produce. The Empty Buildings tour is scheduled for November of this year. The Planning Commission is hoping that the Empty Buildings tour will attract more businesses to North.
- Mrs. Suzanne Reed gave an update from the Christmas Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the North Pole Event. The tentative date for the event is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas committee is working on fundraising ideas in order to get more items and decorations for the event. The Christmas committee is planning a softball tournament and a family movie night to raise money for the Christmas event. The softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> and the family movie night is scheduled for Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30. The movie will be free and the Christmas Committee will sell concessions to raise money. Mrs. Reed is also planning to start posting on the Christmas at the North Pole event Facebook page to publicize the event. The Christmas Committee welcomes anyone wishing to volunteer. Council approved the Christmas Committee's fundraising ideas.
- Mrs. Annie Charley gave an update from the Fall Festival Committee. The North Pecan Festival is scheduled for Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Festival committee has made plans to have a mobile arcade, dunking booth, rock climbing wall and a cash prize pecan baking contest. The committee has also contacted several food and craft vendors, plans to have a car and bike show and a dance to end the night.
- Council reviewed the account statement for July 2018. Mayor Carson noted that she had made transfers into the Police, Water Sewer and Public Works depreciation accounts.
- Council also reviewed four bids for the purchase of a 6' bush hog. Councilmember Jones made a motion to accept the bid from Dukes Auction Group, a local company. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon the vote the motion was approved unanimously.
- Mayor Carson addressed complaints about the sidewalks in town being overgrown. She read 2004 Ordinance 16.104 to remind the folks in town. Ordinance 16.104 states "It shall be the duty of all owners of real estate within the corporate limits to keep the sidewalk adjoining their real estate clear and free from grass, weeds, trash and garbage." Mayor Carson also stated that she would like for people to care for the sidewalks around their homes on their own, without having to write tickets or send out letters.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson addressed inquires she had received about the increase in water bill amounts. She stated that Council had approved the 2018/2019 fiscal year budget in the June Council meeting and that it

passed unanimously. The budget included an increase in water sewer rates and the tank fee for out of town customers. The Town of North receives property taxes to supplement revenue from the customers with in the town limits. The Council has strived to keep the rates fair and reasonable.

- Mayor Carson announced that the Town of North has hired Stephanie Carey-Smith as Clerk of Court.

#### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Jones contacted officials about cleaning the ditch along highway 321. The officials investigated whether the road was county or state owned, and concluded that the road is maintained by the state. The state will send someone out to assess the situation. Councilmember Jones has also looked into getting the town some more speed limit signs. Councilmember Jones also stated that he had attended a FEMA procurement disaster seminar. He learned that if the Town asks for any FEMA grant money the FEMA grant policy would have to be followed fully or the grant money would have to be returned. Councilmember Jones also spoke with representatives from CSX and they informed him that they would only cut brush if it interferes with the trains.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler  
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

Patty Carson

Council Members:

Jeff Washington: ABSENT

Julius Jones: 

Daniel Jackson: 

Deborah Cook: ABSENT